

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

September 2010 – Week 5

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TITLE: COLOR OF COURAGE

SEPTEMBER 1864 AND AN UNLIKELY HERO EMERGES.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

SEPTEMBER 29, 1864. CHAFFIN'S FARM, VIRGINIA. ALONG WITH THOUSANDS OF BLACK UNION TROOPS, SERGEANT MAJOR MILTON M. HOLLAND IS HERE TO ATTACK RICHMOND.

THE SON OF A SLAVE AND A WHITE MASTER, HOLLAND WAS BORN IN EAST TEXAS AND SENT NORTH AFTER HIS FATHER BOUGHT HIS FREEDOM.

AT DAWN, THREE THOUSAND BLACK TROOPS ATTACK THE HEAVILY FORTIFIED REBELS. IN ONE HOUR, OVER 800 UNION SOLDIERS ARE LOST.

WHEN HIS WHITE OFFICERS ARE KILLED, HOLLAND TAKES CHARGE, LEADING HIS BLACK TROOPS UP AND OVER THE REBEL DEFENSES.

FOR HIS BRAVERY, HOLLAND IS THE FIRST BLACK TEXAN AWARDED THE MEDAL OF HONOR.

MILTON M. HOLLAND SHOWED US THE COLOR OF COURAGE 146 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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HANDBOOK OF TEXAS – MILTON M. HOLLAND

<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/HH/fhobt.html>

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